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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action mailed August 7, 2007, and is timely filed.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-38 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-4, 6-20, 22-27, and 29-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Swales *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,233,626, in view of Montijo, U.S. Patent No. 6,052,107. Claims 5, 21, and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Swales in view of Montijo, and further in view of Evoy *et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 5,958,020.

Claims 1, 12, 19, 24, and 28 have been amended. No claims have been added. No claims have been canceled. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims, and contend that the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the cited references.